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ACTION OF THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS. THE NEW-YORK ASSEMBLYMEN VOTE AGAINST MR.

ROOSEVELT.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] ALBANY, Dec. 31.—The contest for the office of Speaker of the Assembly ended to-night in the election of Titus Sheard, of Little Falls, by the Republican Assemblymen, forming the majority in the Assembly. In the caucus Mr. Sheard received 41 and Mr. Roosevelt 29 votes, Mr. LittleJohn had eviously withdrawn in Mr. Sheard's favor and Mr. Erwin in Mr. Roosevelt's. The last day of the contest has been marked by strennous exertions on the part of the supporters of Mr. Erwin and Mr. Roosevelt to lessen Mr. Sheard's support. Congressman Burleigh, of Whitehall, who has directed Mr. Sheard's canvass with much ability throughout, succeeded not only in preventing any decrease of Mr. Sheard's strength, but in increasing it. He was greatly sided in his afforts by Hamilton Fish, jr., James S. Smart and others.

Late in the afternoon it became apparent to John F. Smyth, Louis F. Payn and Silas B. Datcher, who were managing Mr. Erwin's canvass, that Mr. Sheard could not be defeated unless the supporters of the other candidates united against him. Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Littlejohn refused to permit their forces to be united to those Mr. Erwin. The managers for Mr. Erwin, in the hope of prolonging the contest, decided to cast their votes for at least one ballot for Mr. Reosevelt. Mr. Sheard's friends prevented a concentration of all the opposition upon Mr. Roosevelt by inducing Mr. Littlejohn to retire in Mr. Sheard's favor. It is understood that George B. Sloan, of Oswego, who for years has been in close political alliquee with Mr. Sheard, carried over Mr. Little-

LEADING REPUBLICANS PRESENT. When the caucus met in the evening in the Assembly chamber of the new Capitol experienced politicians believed that Mr. Sheard already had a large majority. Still as the position of some of Mr. Roosevelt's support, notably that of the New-York members, had not been defined, the friends of the latter still had some hope of his elecon. The beautiful Assembly Chamber was crowdwith leading Republicans from all over the

ate. Among those present were Attorney-General ssell, George B. Sloan, of Oswego; ex-Senator s. Lowery, of Utica; ex-Senator L. B. Sessions, famestown; C. M. Dennison, of Utica; Neil Gilur, of Baliston Spa; John J. O'Brien and Robert McCord, of New-York; Congressman Burleigh, of Whitehall; Hamilton Fish, jr., J. Baker, of Comstocks; C. E. Everett of Utica; B. Platt Carpenter of Poughkeepsie; Deputy Attorney-General Russell; Controller Davenport; Secretary of State Carr; W. E. Kisselburg, of Frey; James M. Tanner and Silas B. Dutcher, of Brooklyn, and Louis F. Payn, of Chatham.

Mr. Sheardt ook a seat in the main aisle. Near hims at ex-Speaker James W. Husted. At the right of the Speaker's desk Mr. Littlejohn sat and at the left was Mr. Roosevelt, surrounded by his staff, Mr. Howe, of New-York; Mr. O'Neil, of Franklin, and Mr. Van Durer of Chewas whispered about that Mr. Erwin would nominate Mr. Roosevelt and endeavor to stampede the cancus for the New-York candidate, Mr. Boynton, of Essex County, who was a member of the Assembly as long ago as 1849, was made chairman.

DISCUSSING HOW A BALLOT SHOULD BE TAKEN, air. Roosevelt, who had become distrustful of the support he was receiving from his fellow Newmbers, put up Mr. O'Neil to discover if nos sible for whom the New-York members were going to vote, Mr. O'Neil, to accomplish this, moved that each member should name his choice for Smaker. Mr. Sheard's managers, who knew that they possessed the New-York vote, and did not desire that interesting fact to become known, pushed forward Mr. Littlejohn to smother the motion. Mr. Littlejohn said he was shocked at the idea of taking an open ballot. The adoption of alld be unprecedented. He desired that every member should vote untrammelled by any promise that might have been given to himself or the other candidate for Speaker. Messrs. O'Neil, Howe and Van Durer, of Mr. Roosevelt's supporters, declared that they were not afraid to have it known for whom they voted for Speaker.

Mr. Littlejohn was being forced into a corner when Mr. Dayton, of New-York, came to his rescue. He said that gentlemen never demanded of other genthe nen that they should give a written pledge that they would fulfil their pledges in social matters. The present vote was a social one. They were not voting as members of the Assembly. When Mr. Dayton had concluded there was hearty applause from three-fourths of the members. Mr. Littlejohn the eupon moved as an amendment to Mr. O'Neil's motion that the vote should be by ballot instead of viva voce. The motion was adopted by a vote of 47 to 25. It was understood to be a fair test vote of the relative strength of Mr. Sheard and Mr. Roosevelt, and when it was announced the supporters of the former had thenceforward a cheerful look,

MAKING THE NOMINATIONS. The nominations were then duly made. Mr. Erwin then nominated Mr. Roosevelt, and called attion loudly to the fact that if Mr. Sheard was selectthe State for the year 1884 with a Speaker of the Assembly, a Clerk of the Senate, and a Sergeant-at-At as of one of the houses. George Clinton, of Bufo, a grandson of DeWitt Clinton, seconded Mr. Stand's nomination, which had been made by Mr. It ase, and replied that the cry of "locality" had son alarmed him. If the County of Herkiner could supply the State of New York with abler men for various positions in the State Go-ernment than other counties he was willing to all them. He had carefully examined the legislativ records of both Mr. Sheard and Mr. Roosevelt. the term. He had carefully examined the legislative records of both Mr. Sheard and Mr. Roosevelt, and had, moreover, conversed with both men. The result of his investigation was that Mr. Sheard was better fitted for the place and would conduct the office of Speaker most to the self-station of the Republican party. Mr. Howe of New-tork seconded Mr. Roosevelt's nomination. In the course of his speech he expressed his basef that Mr. Roosevelt would fulful the duties of Speaker conjuently to the satisfaction of the Republican party. Mr. Littlejohn closed the series of speeches by saying that the contest for the Speaker had been conducted in such a good natured way that, whatever way it was decided, there also he had been conducted in such a good natured way that, whatever way it was decided, there also he no after-dissensions. He hoped that the publicans would aid the Speaker in sensing a short and honest session, he party was on the eve of king part in a contest for the Presidency, and any Assemblyman should strive to bring honor to Republican party. If there was an honorable to creditable record of the Legislature the State New-York would surely be carried for the Republican candidate for President. The speech was be tily applauded.

MR. SHEARD'S MAJORITY ANNOUNCED. wote was then taken by ballot. Mr. Roosevelt and not vote. In ten minutes the tellers announced that Mr. Sheard had received 41 votes and Mr. Reesevelt 29. It was then plain that the New-York Assemblymen, other than Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Howe, had cast their votes or Mr. Sheard. Mr. Howe, had cast their votes or Mr. Sheard. Mr. Erwin probably brought more votes to Mr. Roosevelt than Mr. Roosevelt received in his ostensible supporters. Mr. Roosevelt's youth comparative inexperience in political matters made the Republican leaders in New-York City especially afraid to trust him with the leadership of the Assembly during a presidential year. Mr. Sheard's nomination was made unanimous man the motion of Mr. Roose. was made manimous upon the motion of Mr. Roosevelt, who said that it was certain that Mr. Sheard's election would guarantee the people of the State an upright administration. Mr. Erwin seconded the motion and said that he also believed the Republican Assemblymen would have a clean and honest administration. The nomination was then made imanimous.

Mr Sheard thanked the Assemblymen for the honor they had conferred upon him. In his opinion there had never been a less aerimonious contest for

to dispel. He promised that he would conduct the He accidentally made the acquaintance of Thomas Mcaffairs of the Assembly in an honest and as able a manner as he was capable. He recognized that the Republicans stood on the skirmish line of 1884, and

Republicans stood on the skirmish line of 1884, and he should endeavor to conduct the affairs of the Assembly so well that the voters of New-York State would think the Republican party's candidate for President entitled to their support. Mr. Sheard was loudly applauded.

C. A. Chickering was nominated by acclamation for Clerk of the Assembly, and candidates were selected for the lesser offices in the Assembly.

The Republican Senators at their cancus to-night selected Senator McCarthy president pro tem. of the Senate.

PROBABLE HEADS OF COMMITTEES. It is ramored that Senator H. R. Low, of Middletown, may be selected for chairman of the Committee of Cities. For the committee of the assembly tee of Cities. For the committee of the assembly it is thought that Mr. Roosevelt will occupy this position. He is entitled by political courtesy to the committee ou Ways and Means, but it is understood that he prefers to be at the head of the Committee on Cities. In case this arrangement is made Mr. Little-john will doubtless become chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. It is hinted that Mr. Husted may be made chairman of either the Judiciary Committee or of the Committee on Insurance. Insurance.

J.W. Vrooman, of Herkimer, was renominated for Clerk of the Senate by the Republican Senators.

THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES.

MR, RICE, OF ONTARIO, NOMINATED FOR SPEAKER-THE SENATORIAL CAUCUS.

Albany, Dec. 31 .- Democratic Assemblyme met in caucus to-night. Assemi yman James F. Higgins, of New-York, presided. Messrs, Rice, of Ontario, and Johnson, of Westchester, were placed in nomination for Speaker. A vote resulted as follows: Rice, 27; Johnson, 23; Welch, of Niagara, 1 Mr. Rice was then nominated unanimously. The old officers were renominated.

The Democratic Senators met in caucus to-right. enator Titus presiding. Senate Kiernan nominated John C. Jacobs for president pro tem., and the metion prevailed without a dissenting voice. Senator Plunkett nominated M. F. Holahan, of New-York, for clerk. Senator Kiernan hoped he would withdraw the name of Mr. Holahan. Senator Murphy thought this was no time to bring a fight between the two factions, especially when the Democrats were in so small a minority. Senator ampbell said with the lesson of last November Campbell said with the lesson of last November fresh in the minds of all, he did not think it politic to oppose the name of Mr. Holahan. Mr. Plunkett said he came as a Democrat, and that it was time now for them to act as men, not like children. Mr Plunkett finally withdrew Mr. Holahan's name. Mr. Titus then placed E. G. Nott, of Buffalo, in nomination for clerk, and the nomination was agreed to. William H. McIntosh, of Cobleskille, was nominated for sergeant-at-arms.

NO ASSEMBLY ELECTION CONTESTS.

ALONZO BEDELL, OF ROCKLAND COUNTY, DECIDES NOT TO PRESS HIS CASE, [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Albany, Dec. 31.-It now seems that the Assembly of 1884 will have no contested election case to decide. There has been considerable talk here about the case of Alonzo Bedell, Republican, of Rockland County, against John W. Felter, Democrat, the latter having received his certificate of election on a normal majority of seven rotes. That this majority is fraudulent no one acquainted with the facts of the case disputes. Mr. Bedell is how er under the disadvantage of baying a Republican Asembly to deal with, which would insist on fair legal proof and would not, like the last Democratic Assembly, seat one of their own party on purely technical grounds. In this case it appears that in the Hid Haverstraw District an uthorized outsider, a Democrat, was acting as Inthe last election Moreover, for some hours only one regular inspector was present at the polls, contrary to the grovisions of the statute.

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If this election disclet were thrown out Mr Brabill would have five majority, not counting several other illiestal votes, which if thrown out would leave Mr. Fetter in a greater minority. Much more technical grounds than this have often sufficed for Democrats to award seats to their partitions, but it is doubtful whether the Republican majority would see its way clear to making right the wrong committed upon those grounds. Mr. Bedell and his counsel, Hon, Frederick W. Holls, of West Chester, lately Republican candidate for Senator, was here, but after mature deliberation and consultation with leading Republicans present they have decided not to press the case, but to appeal to the people of Rockland County next fall in the matter. This will leave the Committee on Privileges and Elections practically without any work.

THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE.

INV TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Boston, Dec. 31,-George I. Bruce, of Somerille, is the Republican candidat for President of the ate Senate, and as no movement appears to have been made among the Democratic Senators to put a candidate the field, Mr. Bruce may be unanimously elected. Several of the more prominent Democrats favor Mr. Bruce nd will vote for him. The clerk-hip of the Senate will be given to the veteran Stephen N. Gifford, of Duxbury, ho has officiated at the desk since 1858,

For the Speakership of the House George A. Marden is a For the Speakership of the House George A. Marden is a cound time the Republican candidate, and his re-election is assured, probably without opposition, as the Demorats do not appear to be talking of any candidate. The product of the Legislatre will be one promise of a brief tession. If the organization takes place as expected, it is probable that the ommittees will be announced on Friday, as both the centlemen who are prospective presiding officers have made themselves acquainted as far as possible with the interedents and qualifications of the members.

CHESAPEAKE BAY OYSTERS SCARCE.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.) New Haven, Dec. 31 .- Captain John Hervey, of the schooner Ovetta, one of the vessels in the oyster trade plying between this port and Baltimore, reports that the Chesapeake Bay oyster beds are about exhausted. ed the County of Herkimer would have provided. These beds have been worked for nearly fifty years, and until within twelve months no attempt has been made to ultivate them. The shells and seed oysters have all been sold to Northern dealers, and at last the seemingly un-limited supply has given out. Captain Hervey says that it will take at least three years of careful cultivation be-fore the Bultimore beds are in producing condition again. Oysters are scarce here and the dealers say that they can-not secure enough to supply present orders. The prices are higher than ever before. The selected systers bring \$1.35 to \$1.40 a gallon.

A SCHOOLMANTER ROUGHLY HANDLED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Cleveland, Dec. 31.-A sensational affair Cleveland, James Hess, a young man who teaches a one of his boy pupils severely. The boy went home and reported the facts to his father, who became terribly enraged and sought Hess in the schoolhouse. He attacked him before the eyes of the scholars and pounded and kicked him about the head and body in a horrible man-The assailant, whose name has not been learned, fled after seeing how badly he had injured Hoss. Officers and citizens are scouring the neighborhood in search of the fugitive.

MICHIGAN CAPITAL IN THE SOUTH.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Vieksburg, Dec. 31.—Messis, J. B. Sherrood, C. S. Vass, J. M. Stoal and E. Howard, citizens of Michigan, mill owners and men of capital, arrived here this morning by steamer Headlight from the Sunflower country. They made a trip from Greenvine to bounds. Fork through the Sanifower, Deer Creek and Yazoo country personally, to inspect the timber resources of the lamber business of this region. They now own several thousand acres of land in the delta and say they purpose making further purchases, erecting mills and gathering in this rich timber harvest.

SHOT WITH A TOY PISTOL.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] New Haven, Dec. 31.-Ernest White, aged nineteen, a son of Mrs. Catharine White, shot his younger brother, aged ten, with a toy pistol on Sunday afternoon Both boys were playing with the weapon and they did not think it was loaded. During their game Ernest polated the pistol at his brother, saying as he did so:

ROBBING HIS FRIEND. IRT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

Baltimore, Dec. 31,-John D. Rentz came to the office. There would be no bitterness of feeling | this city two weeks ugo from New-York city to get work | Court.

Ginggan, who, taking a liking to the stranger, took him Ginggan, who, taking a liking to the stranger, took nime to his home, giving him permission to remain at his home till he could get some work. McGinggan and his wife treated the stranger kindly, but that didn't prevent his robbing his host of \$100 while the latter was asleep last might. The police arrested him this morning at Calvert Station as he was boarding a train for New-York. He was sent to jail to await the action of the Grand Jury.

EJECTED FROM HIS PULPIT. A BISHOP'S AUTHORITY DEFIED.

THE REV. MR. STARBERRY HUSTLED OUT OF A NEW-HAVEN CHURCH,

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] New-Haven, Dec 31 .- Three weeks ago the Rev. A. J. Chambers, for many years pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. Church in Sperry-st., this city, resigned because of the trouble many of his congregation persisted in making for him at church meetings. Bishop Brown, of Wash ington, who is the head of the New-England Conference. last week appointed the Rev. Mr. Chambers to the church in Cambridgeport, Mass., and removed the Cambridgeport pastor, the Rev. John Stanberry, to the New-Haven church. In the meantime the New-Haven congregation, angered at the delay of the Bishop, and at his previous deafness to their complaints against the Rev. Mr. Cham. bers, had appointed a committee to select a pastor for

This committee secured the services of the Rev. Thomas Johnson, of Orange, N. J. Mr. Johnson preached his first sermon on trial three weeks ago. He waso swell liked that he was engaged for three months. Mr. Johnsson preached again on the following Sunday with even more atisfaction. He obtained leave of absence and left here for the purpose of bringing his family to this city. Much to the astonishment of the church deacons and officers ast Wednesday the Rev. Mr. Stanberry arrived and informed them that he had been sent by the Bishop to the charge of their church. A meeting was at once held, and Mr. Stanberry was informed that the church had a miniser already; consequently his services were not needed-Mr. Stansbe of replied and he had the uthority of his Bishoys and must assume the pastorate. He was told that the church did not care for the authority of the Bishop or any one else. To this the new minister said that he should occupy the pulpit on Sunday. He was told that if he did he would be removed. There was only a slim congresation in the Bethel Church yesterday morning when the Rev. Mr. Stansberry ascended the pulpit.

He took for his text a verse of the 122d: Psaim Pence be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces." He had proceeded thus far when H. H. Phillips, one of the trustees of the church had one of the executive committee, commanded him to leave the pulpit. The minister tried to continue, but he was interrupted further by the entrance of seven men, who tramped down the centre alse, approached the pulpit hustled the minister to the floor and despite his resistance cangit him by the nape of the neck and ejected him from the door. A few of the minister's sympathizers met the ejecters at the door and made an effort to assist him, but they were so outnumbered by the excited congregation that followed the minister to the door that they concluded that discretion was the better part of valor.

Mr. Stansberry announces his determination to fight the Mr. Stansbe 2 101 lied that he had the uthority of his part of valor.

Mr. Stanberry announces his determination to fight the battle of his Bishop. He has been inspecting the records of the transfer of property to-day, with a view to instituting a suit against the trustees.

GRAIN DEALERS MOVE TO NEW-YORK. MILMINE, BODMAN & CO., OF BALTIMORE-BEVIVE

THEIR FAILING TRADE. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Baltimore, Dec. 31 .- The grain firm of Milmine, Bodman & Co., of Baltimore, will abandon their house in this city to-morrow, and move to New-York. The cause of the removal is the falling-off in the grain trade in Baltimore. L. W. Bodman states that the firm has done well in Baltimore, and has made a good deal of money; but the particular branch of the grain trade which t looks after has been gradually centring in New-York, and has caused the change. "The grain trade in Baltimore," said be, " is considerable, but most of it comes from the Virginias and Pennsylvania, and this we have from the Virginias and Pennsylvania, and this we have not tried to cover. Our trade is from the west of the Alleghenies, where the tendency is to New-York; the west of the Mississippi is centring in Chicago." The firm of Milnite, Rodman & Co. began business in 1861. The new house will be under the immediate manuscenent of William M. Cooper and J. S. Tale of the presentirm. H. F. Baldwin will retire from the partnership and L. W. Rodman, who has been associated with Mr. Cooper in the manuscement of the Baltimore business, will

PARDON REFUSED A MURDERER.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] cted by the Court of Pardon, in session here this afternoon. The application had been refused twice before. ssrs. Malisch, counsel for the prisoner, hoped for a a different result to-day, owing to the certificate of four physicians to the effect that Graves is imbecile and irreonsible for his acts. The hope of counsel was shared by the majority of people. It is said, however, that the court hae the opinion of some half a dozen physicians of its own, declaring that Graves was same enough to be reonside. The court was not asked to consider the case of Robert

MILWAUKEE LAWYERS BANDY EPITHETS.

THE TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] MILWAUKEE, Dec. 31,-Excitement created in legal circles by the report that Ephraim Mariner, the well-known attorney of this city, has given the ie to Colonel William F. Vilas, tha famous Iroquols orator, and alleged candidate for Presidential honors. Investigation proves the truth of the report. The scene oc-curred in the Circuit Court room at Racine. The two men were opposing counsel in the great legal controversy between J. I. Case and Fish Brothers. "You are a liar, sir; you are a liar," exclaimed Mari-ner, rising to his feet and laboring under strong excite-

went.

Vilas faced Mariner, and in a lofty manner accused him of taking advantage of the court-room to issuit him and to prove himself a bully, a braggart and a coward. Friends interfered and led the two men away. As Vilas is proud to be considered a fighting man, it is believed that he will challenge Mariner to fight a duel. Mariner, who is also distinguished for his combativeness, will doubtless accept the challenge.

KILLED HIS SON-IN-LAW.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Columbus, S. C., Dec. 31,-At Conway, Satrday night, Cornelius N. Buker stabbed James J. Chestnut, his son-in-law, in the abdomen, inflicting a wound from which he died yesterday morning. The testimony occurred at Chardon, a small town twenty miles from | before the Coroner's Jury showed that the cutting was entirely unprovoked. Both parties were intoxicated. Bad feeling had existed between them for some time past, and Baker had frequently threatened to kill his daughter's Baker had frequently threatened to kill his daugher's husband. After the killing, Baker went to his house, bid his family "good-bye forever," saddled his horse and rode away. He is still at large, but a sheriff's posse is in pursuit of him. Chestunt's widow is frantle over her affliction, and as she is about to become a mother serious consequences are feared. All the parties are white and of standing in the community.

A MURDERER EXPOSED BY HIS WIFE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] MILWAUKEE, Dec. 31.-Mrs. Rose Vandecar, who is serving a short term in the House of Correction for an assault, to-day confessed that her husband was the surderer of Mead, the banker, who was robbed and as sassinated at Waupaeca a year ago. She says:

sassimated at Wanpacca a year ago. She says:

"Vandecar left his home in Stevens Point the night before the marder, taking with him a gun; and, accompanied by a young man whom I don't know, he walked to Wanpacca. Vandecar shot Mead, but the two divided the money. When I next saw him be had but part of the money. He still had the shirt worn on the night of the nurder. It was stained with blood. He asked me to wash it, which I did. He then told me be had killed Mead." accused man is now in jail and the trial comes

> A PHYSICIAN'S SUIT FOR SLANDER. THY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE [

New-Haven, Conn., Dec. 31.-In September the wife of Joseph Mallory, a wealthy down-town grocer-died in childbirth. Sie had been attended by Dr. M. C. Cre min, a physician not liked by Mr. Mallory. His wife, however, particularly requested to have Dr. Cremin. Af-er Mrs. Mallory's death, her husband was outspoken in this charge that Dr. Cremin had killed her. Dr. Cremin this charge that Dr. Cremin had silled her. Dr. Cremin called at the store to collect his bill, when the trate husband charged him with murdering his wife, and in the presence of a large crowd, drove him out of the store at the point of a ment cleaver, criticing I im with it. Dr. Cremin has in dituted suit against Mallory for \$4,000 for assault and buttern, and slander. A large brick block owned by Mailory has been attached. The suit will come up at the coming term of the superior Court.

CHINA ANXIOUS FOR PEACE.

WHAT SHE IS WILLING TO CONCEDE. THE ATTITUDE OF FRANCE-THE OCCUPATION OF

SONTAY AND BAC-NINH.

LONDON, Dec. 31 .- The Times says it has the best authority for stating that China wants peace, and that if France will return to her original policy in Tonguin and abstam from further hostile action on the Red River, a pacific agreement is almost certain. China will abate some of her first pretensions if France will show a conciliatory spirit. The Times further says that the Government of China, seeing that the countries well-disposed toward her are desirous of a settlement of the question whether Tonquin is a Chinese dependency, is ready to recognize accomplished facts and to negotiate upon the basis of the status quo. But the establishment of this position involves the assertion of further naval WHAT IS THE TRUE OBJECT OF THE COUNCIL IN and military movements beyond merely defensive ones, and, above all, an understanding that Bac

Ninh must not be assailed. So much China is prepared to concede. If France spends to her well-meant concessions, she will not top to consider how far her present attitude may tally with her original position, when she insisted upon the full letter of her rights. The northern ink of the main navigable branch of the Red River represents the ne plus uitra of Chinese conession. China believes that she can secure her rights as effectually with Quaug-Yen, Bac-Ninh and Lao-Kai in her possession, as France with Hai-Phong, Haid-Zuong and Hauoi. The question of the permanent retention of Sontay should be sub-

the permanent retention of Soniay should be sub-mit eat of the arbitration of a third party.

The Times also says: "The rejection by the French of these offers must result in the triumph of the anti-foreign party in Pekin. The desire of China for peace being sincere, the Powers interested should offer their mediation collectively. If there should offer their mediation collectively. If there is any hesitation from any quarter on this point, the right of the initiative rests in a high degree with the United States, which Government is bound by the terms of the Burlingame treaty to offer her good offices whenever China requests them. Should Prime Minister Ferry of France respond to the wishes of the Chinese Embassy, the present occasion will afford an opportunity of giving effect to a stipulation hitherto unenforced.

PLANS OF EL MAHDI IN EGYPT. A LARGE FORCE OF REBELS BETWEEN SUAKIM AND

SINCAT. LONDON, Jan. 1 .- A dispatch to The Daily News from Suakim says: "El Mahdi intends to descend upon Egypt proper. The insurrectionary movespreading along the coast, and Baker Pacha is convinced that it is of a most formidable religio-political character. Abyssinian demonstrations on Kassala road render the situa-

still more critical. Nothing can tion e done at present, as an immediate advance would nean disaster. The British gun-boats have gone to Massowah.

One thousand women and children, together with 400 soldiers, are bravely holding out at Sincat.

Even with the promptest action on the part of England there will be barely time to save those people from a terrible fate. It is believed that there are 20,000 rebels between Suakim and Sincat. Should the Egyptians attempt to march to Berber it is believed that one hundred thousand rebels would oppose them. A general order was issued on Monday announcing the appointment of Baker Pacha as Governor-General of Eastern Soudan. Major Holroyd, a British officer, has been dismissed from the Egyptian service for striking a native officer. 400 soldiers, are bravely holding out at Sincat.

SPANISH POLITICAL QUESTIONS. A STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF WAR-SENOR

SAGASTA'S POWER. LONDON, Dec. 31,-The Madrid correspondent of filmi General Lopez Dominguez the Spanish Minister of War, having insisted that the reply of the Cortes to the speech from the throne should lead the Liberal majority to approve universal suffrage, the revision of the Constitution and a dissolution of the Cortes, conciliation has broken down, and Senor Segasta has now the Cortes and TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 31.—The application | the country with him. The Times correspondent had ion of the death sentence against James | an interview with General Dominguez upon the unity next unities on Graves, of Newark, for the murder of little Eddle Loden, work.

Graves, of Newark, for the murder of little Eddle Loden, the lamp-lighter, two years ago, was unanimously reamy attempt to form a Republic would bring about disorder and civil war, and raise the bru barbarism. He stated that Senor Ruzz Zorrilla, by his action in fostering the Badajos conspiracy, and by the issuing of his recent manifestos, has com-pictely destroyed all the remaining chances for the formation of a Spanish Republic, General Domingnez further said: "So long as I am Minus-ter of War, I will not allow politics to molest the army. I have faith in the future of a great monarchic, advanced the Liberal party. I favor universal suffrage, always excluding soldiers from the power to vote, for reasons of discipline."

THE RIOT AT HARBOR GRACE.

The Orangemen walked out on the morning of St. tephen's day, and got as far as the bridge, and the band was playing "Boyne Water," when they were met by a mob and told to come no further but to go back. The Roman Catholics were arranged in line, those in the front rank having pickets in their hands, and it had been de termined to use no other weapons unless in self-defence They fought with these, till Head Constable Doyle was shot down; as was also Patrick Callahan from the south side of Harbor Grace. Then went up the cry, " All hands look out!" and in an instant off went a rattling volley from

several guns. Four men fell dead and fourteen were wounded. The rest of the Orangemen fled like sheep, bearing off their searts and leaving behind their flars and banners. Patrick Dermody tore their flags into steps and planted green flags in their place. He was fired at by an Orange man, who was running away, and was wounded. When the fleeing Orangemen got down into the city in safe quarters, they began breaking the windows in the houses of Koman Catholics, and tearing down the shutters of those whose houses were closed. They broke through the shop windows of John Hennessy and attacked William Hennessy on the street. They stopped the horses of Dr. Macdonald, the Roman Catholic fishop, while he was visiting the wounded men at Bear's Cove, and they attempted to throw him over a precipitous cliff near Courage's Beach, but were prevented by Father Row, an Irish priest, who inflicted a severe blow on the head of one of his assailants with a loaded whip, and dispersed the reat. The Bishop and Father Row had to be escorted the remainder of their Journey by mounted police. John Schully got a severe beating from the Orangemen. No Roman Catholic is now safe in his own house. rest of the Orangemen fled like sheep, bearing off their

IRISH CRIME AND AGITATION. Dublin, Dec. 31 .- The dead body of an

Drangeman was found in a bog-hole yesterday near Portadown, County Armagh. The deceased man had been obnoxious to the Roman Catholics in the vicinity. There is great excitement to-day in Dromore, County Down. The Orangemen there are disappointed because the meeting of the Nationalisis announced for New Year's day, was not producted by the Government, and have determined to prevent its being held. Troops are arriv-ing there to preserve order.

COLONEL RATHBONE'S CONDITION. Hanover, Dec. 31.-Colonel Rathbone is tili unable to make a rational statement concerning the killing of his wife, and continues to labor under the delusion that he is the victim of persecution.

OBJECTING TO A PRIEST'S PREACHING. Vienna, Dec. 31.—A Jesuit missionary named Hamerly, while preaching yesterday in the Caurch of St. John, denounced the immorality, which, he alleged, prevailed among workingmen. Some twenty of the latter arose and denounced the assertions of the preacher, and stoned the pulpit. A rush of the congrega-tion for the doors cusued, during which a large number of people were injured. The police made several arrests.

A MEMORIAL TO GAMBETTA. Paris, Dec. 31.—The anniversary of the death of M. Gambetts, which occurred just before midnight on December 31, 1882, was observed to-day. A memorial tablet was creeted at his residence, at Ville d'Avray, and wreaths were deposited upon his tomb at Nice.

PUSINESS EMBARRASSMENTS IN LONDON. London, Dec. 31.-Alexander Brogden, Member of Parliament for Wednesbury, and an iron-master, has failed. His habilities are \$723,000.

with Alexander Brogden, iron-moster, has also failed. His liabilities are £720,000. Samuel King Church, a colliery proprietor, has failed. His liabilities are stated at £97,000.

FOREIGN NOTES.

PARIS, Dec. 31.-The solicitor who was reported to have been found murdered in his office on Saturday, was M. Behoist Lucy. He was not killed, but was badly wounded by pistol shots inflicted by a lunatic. Sofia, Dec. 31.—The resignations of the Bulgarian Ministry, which were tendered to Prince Alexander on Friday last, have been withdrawn.

LONDON, Dec. 31.-The circular published by The Globe on Saturday, said to have been issued to the Grand Master of Orange societies urging the formation in Ire-land of armed Orange volunteers, was pronounced a

WARSAW, Poland, Dec. 31.—A Ninilist printing office was discovered in this city on Saturday in an obscure street. The compositors escaped.

ROME TO CONCILIATE THE PRIESTS.

BALTIMORE NEXT MONTH. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

PITTSBURG, Dec. 31.—In speaking of the reat gathering of Roman Catholic Bishops to be held at Baltimore next mouth, a prominent Pittsburger, a well known Catholic, whose name is withheld for the present's said to-night: "The importance of the meeting has been exaggerated, even by those persons whese statements have seemed to be most wild. But no person in guessing at its objects has come anywhere near the mark. Its chief business will be to devise rules and government under which the priests of the church may enjoy greater liberties. This is very much in nature of a Resolution when the extreme conservation of the Cathelie church is remembered. But the head of the church realized long ago that something of the kind was necessary to prevent

"No person but those who know the inner workings of the Church have any idea of the completeness of control heretofore exercised by dignitaries over those of low degree. Something of the kind was necessary long ago. But the intelligence of the priesthood has increased in proportion to the growth of civilization; and the time has con when their rights must be recognized. This has been shown in our own community in cases of Fathers Hickey Sheehan and Tracey, and these, important as they are have indicated only in asmall degree the extent of the

"The Bishops have not suggested the reform of their own accord. As a rule they are not better than other men, and relinquish power reluctantly. But it became apparent to their superiors long ago that something would have to be done; and the bishops nave generously been permitted to do the work. It what manner the system of government will be amended, I cannot say now. None but those who attend the convention will know until after the results achieved by then have been approved by the Pope. I do not know that the reforms will extend beyond the boundaries of the United States, and do not think they will. What I have told you is correct, and it will be the first intimation to the priests of the good fortune in store for them. Up to the present time they have been kept as much in ignorance as persons entirely outside." "The Bishops have not suggested the reform of

A MUSEUM ORANG OUTANG DIES. THE | ANIMAL ACQUIRES PNEUMONIA | BETWEEN

CHICAGO AND BALTIMONE. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Baltimore, Dec. 31 .- Upon opening the Herog's Dime Museum this morning, Joeko, the noted feale orang-outang, was found lying dead in her cage. or. Alexander Hill, a well known surgeon, was at one notified and the body placed in his charge for a post morten examination as to the cause of d ath to be made, and the remains to be embalmed. The announcement that the famous animal was deal attracted an immens crowd to the museum, which was fairly besieged all day by persons curious to see the body. And during the morning while the body was being embalmed, the crowd in the museum became disorderly because they could not e the remains. As soon as the embalming was finished Joeko was taken back to the n useum, and perched up on top of her cage in a sitting posture. She will remain on exhibition until Wednesday, when she will be taken to New York and her body and brain discreted by no licid

The cause of death was pneumonia, superinduced by ongestion of the langs, caused by a severe cold con racted on her late trip from Chicago. Jocko was a mos remarkable animal, her intelligence being of such a biorder that she was often spoken of as "Darwin's missiluk." She came to this country from the Island
Borneo in 1881, and was purchased by the Reiche Broers, animal dealers, immediately upon her crivial
New-York. She was leased to Charles Bradenburg (
\$3500 per month, who sub-leased her to various naiser
amangers. The Philindelphia Dime Misseum after wa
purchased her from Reighe Brothers, subject to Bradeburg's lease, for quite a barge sum. It is said this was
move of Barnum's, who virinally owns the Philindelphi
show, to secure the animal which had proved so popula
For a long time past a little dog has been kept
Jocko's eage and both became very fond of each othe
To-day it was really affecting to see the grief of the de
because its dead companion would not pay any attentito its numerous efforts to attract its attention. Alt
frisking about it would sit down and watch it wisful
for a time, and finally with a low whine sneak off to san
corner and howl dismally.

MINSTREL FESTIVAL IN CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati, Dec. 31.—The minstrel festival originated by Manager R. E. J. Miles after the successful dramatic festival of last year, and carried into execution St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 31.—What is said to be attheutic intelligence of the Harbor-Grace Orange and Roman Catholic affray is now at hand. The following is the latest version of the whole affair: stage was occupied by 300 or 400 persons. The scenery consisted of a single set for the whole performance. The audience was exceedingly demonstrative. In the programme there was more imase than dialogue. It was rather difficult to hear the latter, owing to the size of the hall. The leading performers were from Callender's and Haverly's Minstrels. The festival will continue throughout the week.

BURIED BUT RESCUED ALIVE. Malden, Mass., Dec. 31.—Italians employed at the Lynn Water Works were engaged in digging a tunnel at North Saugus this morning, when the earth sud-

denly caved in, burying nine of them. They were dag out, five of them being badly injured, the foreman fatally. STATE PRISON FINANCES.

Auburn, Dec. 31.—The prison earnings for December were \$9.837 22; and disbursements, \$9.844 94. Sing Sing, Dec. 31.—The earnings at Sing Sing Prison December were \$19,559 39; expenditures, \$15,-

THE SHAW BROTHERS' CREDITORS. Boston, Dec. 31.—The Herald prints a rumor to the effect that George W. Morse, counsel for the Shaws, who has been in New-York since the meeting here last

AN ASSIGNMENT IN NASHVILLE, NASHVILLE, Dec. 31.-Jacob Jaros, proprietor of "The Fair," made an assignment to-day. His Habili-ties are \$40,000. The assets have a nominal value of \$15,000 to \$20,000. His creditors are chiefly in New-

TWO CHILDREN FATALLY BURNED. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 31 .- A dispatch to The Gazelle from Morillton says: "While Henry James and his wife were visiting at a neighbor's to-day, their house was destroyed by fire. One child was burned to death and another fatally injured."

PASSING A FORGED CHECK.

Washington, N. J., Dec. 31.-A man, giving the name of E. N. Foster, to-day passed a forged certified check for \$450 on Mayor Beatty. The forged paper was drawn on the Merchants' National Bank, of Pougakeep-sie, N. Y.

HALF-TIME AT THE THE COAL MINES. WILKESBARRE, Penn., Dec. 31.-Contrary to

general expectation, an order was received here this evening for a suspension at all mines for three days in the week, beginning on Tuesday next and lasting until A MORTGAGE LOAN EXTENDED.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.-Five million dollars of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company's first mortgage six per sent loan, maturing next April, has been extended at four-and-a-half per cent. The remain-ing amount outstanding, \$381,840, will be paid in money.

ACUSHNET MILL BOY'S STRIKE.

NEW-BEDFORD, Mass. Dec. 31.-The boys in has failed. His habilities are \$723,000.

Henry Brozden, from master, and formerly a pariner the spinners are out in consequence.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

CITY EXPENSES FOR 1884. THE ESTIMATES FINALLY PASSED.

MR. ASTEN EXHIBITS HIS STAYING POWERS AND

WINS AT LAST. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment yesterday completed the examination of the estimates of the various city departments for their mainte-

Among the various items was one of \$1,000 for examining coupon schedules in the Finance Department. Mr. Asten said that this should go under the head of salaries.

nance for 1884, and adopted the budget.

J. L. Douglass sent a communication, asking for an appropriation of \$350,000 for increasing the water supply. It was ordered on file. The Park Commissioners sent a communication,

signed by all the members of the Board declaring that the communication signed by E. A. Merrison of the Council of Political Reform, setting forth that too large a sum was asked for surveying, monumenting, etc., the annexed district, was so full of inaccuracies as to be unworthy of consideration. THE HEALTH BOARD GETS \$7,500.

that if the amount asked for salaries was reduced to the figure agreed upon by the Board of Estimate, the force of sanitary inspectors must be reduced from fifteen to ten. The sum of \$7,500 additional was asked for. Dr. Woolsey Johnson, one of the Health Commissioners, appeared and urged the additional appropriation. Mr. Asten asked Dr. Johnson if he was aware that

A communication from the Board of Health stated

the Board had increased the item of salaries for the Health Board over last year. Dr. Johnson admitted that such was the case.

Mr. Asten-Why, with this increased amount for salaries, is it necessary to reduce so important a force as the is, is it necessary to reduce so important a force as the anitary inspectors !

Dr. Johnson-Some of the other salaries have been ind and other places created.

Mr. Asten read a newspaper article setting forth that in the progress of reorganization the Health Board had created new places, with increased salaries. One was to be given to Major Willard Bullard, and another to Dr. Edson, the Mayor's son.

Dr. Johnson explained that the working force of the Health Department was to be divided into seven divisions, with a head to each.

Mayor Edson—I never asked for the appointment of my soa, nor did I ask for his promotion or intimate that it would be agreeable.

Mr. Asten—I do not wish to be understood as reflecting on the Mayor. But I cannot see why, with an increased appropriation, five very useful men should be thrown out. Still, I on not wish to cripple the Department. Does Dr. Johnson believe that this additional sum is necessary?

Dr. Johnson replied that there should be twenty inspectors rather than fifteen. The increased amount Mr. Asten asked the Controller to explain the

amounts called for by the charitable associations, More than one million dollars is asked for. Hehad received many complaints that too much money The Controller said the estimates were based on

actual returns made of the inmates of the various institutions. H. O. THOMPSON AGAIN TO THE FRONT,

The various items that go to make up the budget, were then read and commented on. Commissioner Thompson was present, and asked that the allowance for the maintenance of boulevards, roads and avenues be increased to \$85,000. He declared that the roads could not be kept in good order with a less

sum.

Mayor Edson—I think that the amount asked for is too high. It is more than \$3,000 per rolle.

Mr. Thompson—A large force is required both winter and summer to keep the roads in proper criter.

Mayor Edson—Cannot the work be done cheaper by contract!

Mr. Thomspoo—I do not think it feasible to have it

Mr. Rellay-1 move that the amount be made the same is last year. as last year.

This was lost, M., Thompson was proceeding to explain some of the other items when Mr. Astenmade the point that there was not time to hear further explanations.

MR. ASIEN'S PERSISTENT OBJECTIONS. The Police Department budget was next taken up. Mr. Asten objected to the item of \$75,000 for supplies. This was in excess of last year, he said: coal was higher in price than the market rates and

other items were large. Commissioner Matthews said that he would be frank and say that what the Police Board wanted was 100 additional men. They could do this, now

that fifty had been provided for, by economizing in other directions. From detailed men, fines, etc., they received about \$60,000.

Mr. Reilly moved that \$790 be appropriated for the payment of Twomey & Vreeland for printing 2,000,000 ballots against contract labor in State Prisons. This was carried.

Mr. Actor, I have made objection to many things in the

the payment of twomey a vector of the 2,000,000 ballots against contract labor in State Prisons. This was carried.

Mr. Asten—I have made objection to many things in the estimates. No one member has the right to insist on his optron against that of all his colleagues unless be is actuated by conscientious motives. We have had difficulty in getting a clear and concise statement from the Pohee Department. The Department of Public Works asks for too inten for salaries and supplies. Other Departments are extravagant. It is not pleasant for me to oppose granting appropriations asked for. But if I had another week I know that I could save a great deal of money to the city. I have made no attempt to reduce estimates except on what I deemed good information. The whole system is wrong, but were are powerless to remedy it. The items for clerks for the Commissioners of Accounts is unlawful. Several, gentlemen have expressed their willingness to hear the expense of testing its legality. For several years after the appointment of Commissioners should some here and report to this Board. They do not do so. I appreciate the fact that the Mayor needs their services. But their work has not been fally done.

Mayor Edson—The Commissioners of Accounts cannot satisfacturily do their work without clerkal assistance.

Mayor Edson—The commissioners is nothing there to warrant the implayment of a clerical force.

Mayor Edson—The residence of the condition of the Department.

The Controller—There are two men now at work on the

The Controller—There are two men now at work on the books of one bureau in my department. They have been so engaged for the past three months, and will be there probably three months longer.

Mr. Reilly asked Mr. Asten if he would sign the final estimates. Mr. Asten-I will waive all other objections except this

Mr. Asten—I will waive all other objections except this item for elerical force. My mind is made up on that. There will probably be investigations excagin by the Grand Jury and the Legislature to satisfy all you gentlemen. Mayor Edson—We have been employing clerical force for the Commissioners of Accounts for several years, and three Corporation Counsels have given their opinion that it was legal.

Mr. Asten—My mind is very clear on this subject. Still, I am willing to sit here until indinght to hear any reasons you may advance to change my opinion.

Mr. Helliy—I do not think it right that you should set up your opinion against that of three colleagues.

Mr. Asten—I have given way on everything else. God knows there are some items I have finally agreed to of which I am heartly ashamed.

HE REPELS AN INSINUATION. Mr. Reilly-It has been asserted around the City Hall for the past three weeks that you had said you would interpose some objection to signing the final estimates, and so throw them into the Legislature. Mr. Asten (indignantly)-I have never intimated any-

Mr. Asten (indignantly)—I have never intimated anything of the kind.

Mr. Reily—I am very glad to hear you say so.

The Mayor—Why wait until this late day to cripple an important arm of the City Government?

Mr. Asten—I don't wish to cripple any part of the City Government, but there is the law. I respect the Corporation Counsel's abilities. But at 12 o'clock hast night I got the advice of emment counsel on this subject, and they are very clear that the law does not authorize the employment of elerical force for the Commissioners of Accounts. The Legislature is about to meet. Let it provide for this matter by amending the law. The salaries of the Commissioners should be increased. Then you can employ experts. You have not got them now. I am by law one of the Commissioners of Accounts, I asked Commissioners Shearman and Hill to meet with me. They said they were not a board and declined to meet. I then went to the Corporation Counsel and asked what was the status of the Commissioners. He said it was a misnomer; they should never have been put in the charter.

Mr. Reilly—I wish to go up to the Board of Aldermen and resign. Will Mr. Asten submit to the voice of the majority?

Mr. Asten—I have submitted to the will of the majority in everything except this.

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The Mayor—I cannot see why you should wish to wipe in this bureau so suddenly and without notice.

Mr. Asten—I have been of the opinion for a long time that the Commissioners of Accounts are useless. In going among the departments I cennot but see some things that are wrong. I do not think the Commissioners are competent. I am willing to be responsible to the community for my action in think the Commissioners are that are wrong. I do not think the Commissioners are competent. I am willing to be responsible to the community for my action in think the Commissioners of the except way to me in a single thing. I have had to speak pretty plainly to secure what reductions I have.

The Mayor—This will compel the discharge of every man but the Commissioners of Accounts. If there has been any improper action by any member of the board I should like to know it. I do not want to go on record committed to anything wrong. The Commissioners of Accounts are engaged in important investigations, and there is no other way to ascertain what is going on in the departments. I could not have obtained information of